

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the

nominations of James C. Miller III, of Virginia, Stephen Crawford, of Maryland, David Michael Bennett, of North Carolina, and Victoria Reggie Kennedy, of Massachusetts, who was introduced by Senator Markey, all to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5093–5106; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 119; and H. Res. 668 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4197, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–519, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5021, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–520, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 669, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5021) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–521).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaMalfa to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3:02 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

STEM Education Act of 2014: H.R. 5031, to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation;

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National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization: H.R. 1786, amended, to reauthorize

the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program;

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Research and Development Efficiency Act: H.R. 5056, to improve the efficiency of Federal research and development;

Pages H6147–49

International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2014: H.R. 5029, to provide for the establishment of a body to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation that can strengthen the domestic science and technology enterprise and support United States foreign policy goals, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 346 yeas to 41 nays, Roll No. 406;

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District of Columbia Courts, Public Defender Service, and Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency Act of 2014: H.R. 4185, to revise certain authorities of the District of Columbia courts, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia;

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Richard K. Salick Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as the “Richard K. Salick Post Office”;

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Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the “Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building”;

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Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2223, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the “Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building”;

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Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3534, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Michigan Avenue in Jackson, Michigan, as the “Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office”;

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Harold George Bennett Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 4355, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 B Street in Perryville, Arkansas, as the “Harold George Bennett Post Office”;

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Fountain County Veterans Memorial Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 2802, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 418 Liberty Street in Covington, Indiana, as the “Fountain County Veterans Memorial Post Office”;

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Barry M. Goldwater Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3027, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott, Arizona, as the “Barry M. Goldwater Post Office”;

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Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building: H.R. 3085, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building”;

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Staff Sergeant Manuel V. Mendoza Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4416, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 161 Live Oak Street in Miami, Arizona, as the “Staff Sergeant Manuel V. Mendoza Post Office Building”;

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Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 2291, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the “Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office”;

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All Circuit Review Extension Act: H.R. 4197, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers;

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Smart Savings Act: H.R. 4193, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan;

Pages H6162–64

Federal Register Modernization Act: H.R. 4195, to amend chapter 15 of title 44, United States Code (commonly known as the Federal Register Act), to modernize the Federal Register, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay

vote of 386 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 405; and

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Mount Jessie Benton Frémont Designation Act: H.R. 1192, to redesignate Mammoth Peak in Yosemite National Park as “Mount Jessie Benton Frémont”.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:52 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2015: The House began consideration of H.R. 5016, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 15th.

Pages H6169–H6213

Agreed to:

Sessions amendment that reduces funding for salaries and expenses of the Department of Treasury by \$1,750,000 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account;

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Posey amendment that increases funding, by offset, for salaries and expenses of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration by \$1,000,000;

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Lynch amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network by \$3,339,000;

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Jackson Lee amendment that increases funding for Community Development Financial Institutions by \$500,000 and reduces funding for taxpayer services of the Internal Revenue Service by \$1,000,000;

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Grayson amendment that redirects \$2,800,000 within taxpayer services of the Internal Revenue Service for the Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program;

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Blackburn amendment that increases funding for the Consumer Product Safety Commission by \$1,000,000 and reduces funding for the Internal Revenue Service, Enforcement by \$2,000,000;

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Gosar amendment that reduces funding for the Internal Revenue Service, Enforcement by \$353,000,000 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account;

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Huizenga amendment that reduces funding for the Internal Revenue Service, Enforcement by \$788,111,800 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account;

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Camp amendment that reduces funding for the Internal Revenue Service, Operations Support by \$2,000,000 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account;

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Gosar amendment that increases funding for Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and other Judicial Services by \$42,000,000 and reduces funding for the General Services Administration for rental of space by \$43,000,000; and **Pages H6194–97**

Gosar amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Entrepreneurial Development Programs by \$3,882,000. **Pages H6204–07**

Rejected:

Grayson amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence by \$5,000,000. **Pages H6181–82**

Point of Order sustained against:

Waters amendment that sought to amend section 502 of the bill and **Pages H6198–H6203**

Waters amendment that sought to add a new section which amends section 204 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 regarding investment adviser fees by the SEC. **Page H6207**

Proceedings Postponed:

Jackson Lee amendment that seeks to reduce funding for the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network by \$200,000 and increase funding for taxpayer services of the Internal Revenue Service by \$100,000; **Pages H6183–84**

Roskam amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for taxpayer services of the Internal Revenue Service by \$10,000,000; **Pages H6186–87**

Moore amendment that seeks to strike section 501 from the bill, which relates to administrative provisions of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, specifically the repeal of section 1017(a)(2)(C) of Public Law 111–203; and **Pages H6197–98**

Waters amendment that seeks to increase funding for salaries and expenses of the Securities and Exchange Commission by \$300,000,000. **Pages H6203–04**

H. Res. 661, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5016) and (H.R. 4718), was agreed to on July 10th.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6140 .

Senate Referrals: S. 1104, S. 653, S. 2056 and S. 2057 were held at the desk. **Page H6140**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6167–68 and H6168–69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4771, the “Designer Anabolic Steroid Control Act”; H.R. 4250, the “Sunscreen Innovation Act”; H.R. 594, the “Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research and Education Amendments of 2014”; H.R. 669, the “Sudden Unexpected Death and Data Enhancement and Awareness Act”; H.R. 4290, the “Wakefield Act of 2014”; H.R. 4450, the “Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5057, the “EPS Service Parts Act of 2014”.

HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT OF 2014

Committee on Rules: Full Committee began a hearing on H.R. 5021, the “Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014”. The committee granted by voice vote a closed rule for H.R. 5021. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, as modified by the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from the following: Chairman Shuster, Chairman Camp, and Representatives Norton, Blumenauer, Garrett.

EVALUATION OF THE PROCESS TO ACHIEVE VBA GOALS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Evaluation of the Process to Achieve VBA Goals”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Kristen Ruell, Authorization Quality Services Representative, Pension Management Center, Philadelphia Regional Office, Veterans Benefits Administration; Linda Halliday, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General; Allison A. Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration; Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.